

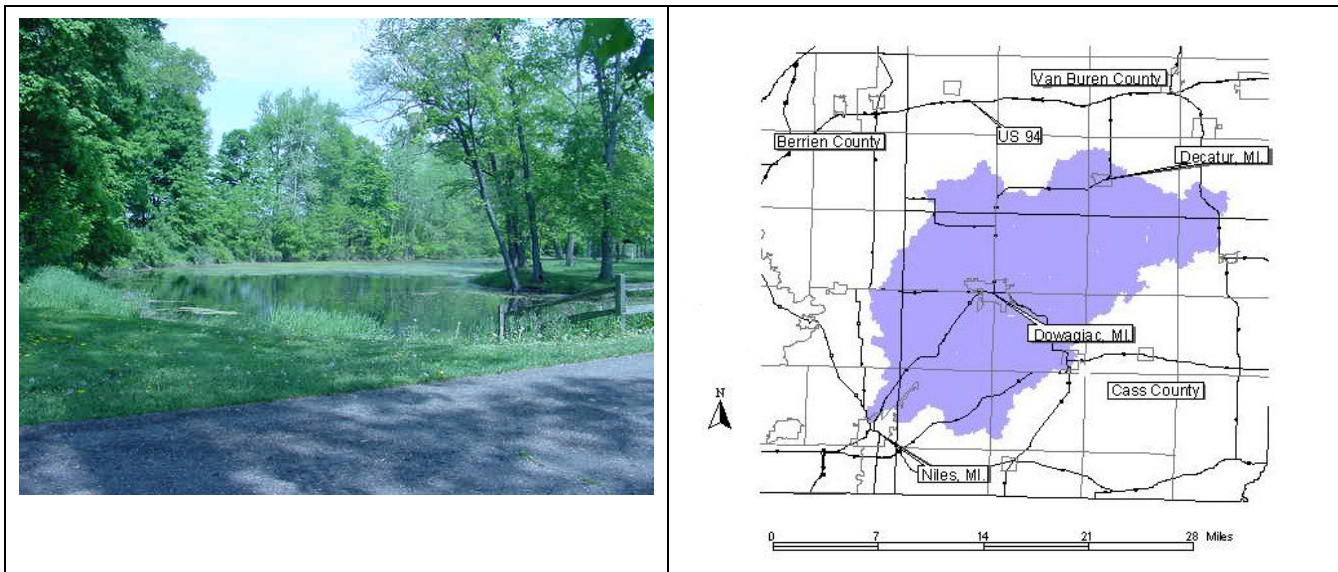
**PROJECT FACT SHEET**  
**February 28, 2007**

**PROJECT:** Dowagiac River Section 206 Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Project

**DESCRIPTION:** The Dowagiac River is a coldwater trout stream that was channelized 100 years ago. The channelization project straightened and deepened the entire river in Van Buren and Cass counties for the purpose of draining the Decatur Marsh. Now, a group called "Partnership for MEANDERS" is working on restoring river flow back to some of the old meanders that were abandoned by channelization and have asked the USACE to study the project under our Section 206 authority. The purpose of the project is to restore the original river channel south of M-62 in order to achieve the original flow, enhance aquatic and floodplain habitats, and improve the functioning of the river (specifically, its ability to handle sediment).

**CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST:** Upton (R) MI-6; MI Senators Levin (D) and Stabenow (D)

**LOCATION MAP & PICTURE:**



**NON-FEDERAL PROJECT SPONSOR:** State of Michigan, Department of Natural Resources, Fisheries Division (POC: Jay Wesley, 269-685-6851)

**PROJECT AUTHORITY:** Section 206 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996.

**FUNDING:**

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Federal</u>	<u>Non-Federal</u>
Current Working Estimate	\$1,040,000	\$ 676,000	\$ 364,000
Funds Allocated prior to FY07	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 0
Funds allocated in FY07	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
FY08 Budget	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Funds that could be used in FY08	\$ 240,000	\$ 240,000	\$ 0
Funds required to complete (> FY08)	\$ 787,000	\$ 423,000	\$ 364,000

**STAGE:** Feasibility

**STATUS:** The Preliminary Restoration Plan was completed and forwarded to LRD in Jan 04. Upon approval of the document and upon receipt of additional funding, the Feasibility phase of the project would continue. FY04 - FY07 funding limitations have not allowed such progress to commence.

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